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MILITARY INFORMATION, VIDIN

Infantry Unit

1. An unidentified infantry unit of 150-200 men occupies barracks in the northern outskirts of Vidin. A special road leads to the barracks. Buildings consist of one 1-story barracks and one stable. [] the unit is a company or a battalion whose regimental command is not located in the city; most probably this is a Border Guard detachment.

People's Militia

2. The Militia command of Vidin is located in the Nova Makhla quarter of the city. An unidentified lieutenant is in charge of the unit.

3. [] the two units above are the only military detachments located at Vidin.

4. [] Major Khristo Yankulov [] is employed in the Ministry of Defense.

TEXTILE MILLS, SOFIA

5. The Rila Textile Factory is located in the Levski quarter of Sofia on a street beside Organiska Street. The factory was established in 1936 and is subordinate to the Ministry of Light Industry. Its director is Stefan Seitakov. A total of about 350 workers are employed in two shifts per day, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. respectively. Production consists of about 2,500 meters of dyed and stamped silk cloth per day at present, but it is planned to in-

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crease production by 15 percent. Artificial silk processed at the factory is obtained from Poland and the natural silk is of Bulgarian production. The total output is sent to the State clothing and shoe depots for supplying the national stores. [REDACTED] the factory has the external form of a square, with a side length of approximately 50 meters.

6. The Gloria Textile Factory is an old establishment which produces cotton cloth. It is located in front of the Rila Textile Mill, and employs about 600 workers.
7. The Bulgaria Cotton Factory was constructed 15 or 20 years ago. It employs about 1,000 workers, and is located at Knyazhevo to the southwest of Sofia.
8. The Georgi Dimitrov Textile Mill (formerly Fortuna) is located on Yanko Sakasov Street in the Poduene quarter of Sofia. It employs approximately 1,500 workers and produces cotton cloth.
9. The Amus Textile Factory which produces cotton and linen cloth is located on Organiska Street in Sofia. It employs 400-500 workers.
10. The Berov i Khorenek Textile Factory is located on Yanko Sakasov Street in Sofia. It produces woolen cloth and employs approximately 1,200 workers.

TOBACCO FACTORY, VIDIN

11. The Monopol Cigarette Factory is located in the eastern outskirts of Vidin, approximately 200-300 meters from the bank of the Danube River. The factory employs about 100 workers and produces Monopol brand cigarettes of second and third quality.

ARTISANS' COOPERATIVE

12. All private artisans, either voluntarily, by strong fiscal pressure, or by threats, are admitted into the artisans' cooperative, known as the Trudovo Proizvoditelni Zanayatchiyski Kooperatsii (Artisans' Work and Production Cooperative). The central union of the TPZK is located in the Turgovski Dom (Commerce House) on Alabin Street in Sofia. The union is subordinate to the Ministry of Light Industry and has among its members those work cooperatives which are not true factories; it is subdivided according to types of artisan industries.
13. The Obushtarski T.P.Z.K. "Osvobodenie" (Liberty Shoemakers Work Cooperative) has its headquarters and workshop at No. 17 Marko Polo Street in Sofia. It employs approximately 150 workers and produces all types and sizes of shoes. The output of the shop goes to the clothing and shoe depots for sale through Narmag, the People's Stores. The income of the cooperative is divided yearly as follows:
 - a. Fifty percent to the State;
 - b. Twenty-five percent for capital investment; and
 - c. Twenty-five percent divided among the members in proportion to the amount of work done by each member.

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